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Employment reached a record high level during September when actual unemployment dropped to a 1985 low of 4.6 percent and other improvements were recorded in Connecticut's economy, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: The addition from August of 14,900 persons in non-farm jobs boosted September employment to a record 1,576,400, a gain of 27,800 from last year (page 2). Manufacturing employment increased by 8,300 over the month due primarily to workers returning from vacation closings. Non-manufacturing categories showed a monthly gain of 6,600, with transportation up 2,800, trade increased by 2,800 and government added 3,500 jobs which reflected the reopening of schools. Employment was higher in 11 labor markets and declined from August in four areas (pages 5 & 6).

Both hourly and weekly earnings of factory production workers increased from the month earlier and 1984, averaging $9.58 and $398.53, respectively, for a longer workweek of 41.6 hours (page 3). This was 30-cents per hour and a $4.13 weekly increase from September 1984. Straight-time, 40-hour workweek wages were $9.20 per hour and $368 weekly, 4.2 percent above last year's $8.83 hourly and $353.20 weekly pay rates. Workers receiving the highest average weekly wage were in Bristol, $448.33, followed by New London/Norwich, $438.70; Middletown, $427.41; New Britain, $420.31; Hartford, $417.58 and Bridgeport, $409.63 (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment in September dropped to 79,000 or a 1985 low of 4.6 percent, down from August's 88,800 and 5.1 percent figures. The seasonally adjusted September rate also declined from 5.4 percent in August to 5 percent, which compared with 4.4 percent last year when the unemployment level was 67,800. Unemployment decreased over the month in 14 labor market areas and was unchanged in Norwalk at 3.4 percent. Included in the estimate are people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose compensation expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor force. An estimated 23,300 continued claims for compensation were being filed in mid-September, down from 29,400 the month before.

Other Indicators: General improvement was recorded in other economic indicators, with the third highest monthly increase in new automobile registrations, personal income of state residents at an all-time high of more than $4-billion, 579-million, lower weekly filings for unemployment compensation and advanced manufacturing output (page 7).

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Information on the Connecticut Manufacturing Directory, along with an order form, is on the final page of this report.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984(R)	% Change Sept.'85 over Aug.'85	% Change Sept.'85 over Sept.'84
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,576,400*	1,561,500*	1,548,600	+ 1.0	+ 1.8
Manufacturing.....	419,500*	411,200	425,100	+ 2.0	- 1.3
Durable.....	313,900	306,600	320,500	+ 2.4	- 2.1
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,800	7,600	7,500	+ 2.6	+ 4.0
Primary Metals.....	14,600	13,900	16,200	+ 5.0	- 9.9
Fabricated Metals.....	52,000	50,900	53,600	+ 2.2	- 3.0
Machinery exc. Elec.....	51,800	51,500	51,800	+ 0.6	0.0
Electrical Equipment....	60,400	59,200	62,400	+ 2.0	- 3.2
Transportation Equipment	83,600	80,900	83,700	+ 3.3	- 0.1
Instruments & Clocks....	28,200	27,900	28,800	+ 1.1	- 2.1
Other Durable.....	15,500	14,700	16,500	+ 5.4	- 6.1
Nondurable.....	105,600*	104,600	104,600	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Food.....	14,300	14,300	13,700	0.0	+ 4.4
Textiles.....	6,400	6,100	6,600	+ 4.9	- 3.0
Apparel.....	10,600*	10,200	10,200	+ 3.9	+ 3.9
Paper.....	10,000	10,100	9,800	- 1.0	+ 2.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,000	26,800	26,000	+ 0.7	+ 3.8
Chemicals.....	22,300	22,200	22,400	+ 0.5	- 0.4
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	13,400	13,400	14,400	0.0	- 6.9
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,500	1,500	+ 6.7	+ 6.7
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,156,900	1,150,300*	1,123,500	+ 0.6	+ 3.0
Construction & Mining....	72,000	72,400*	67,900	- 0.6	+ 6.0
Transportation.....	37,100	34,300	35,800	+ 8.2	+ 3.6
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	14,300	14,200	14,000	+ 0.7	+ 2.1
Other Transportation....	22,800	20,100	21,800	+ 13.4	+ 4.6
Communications.....	19,200	19,300	19,000	- 0.5	+ 1.1
Utilities.....	13,100	13,200	12,700	- 0.8	+ 3.1
Trade.....	349,400	346,600	341,900	+ 0.8	+ 2.2
Wholesale.....	78,900	78,600	79,000	+ 0.4	- 0.1
Retail.....	270,500	268,000	262,900	+ 0.9	+ 2.9
General Merchandise....	34,800	34,300	33,600	+ 1.5	+ 3.6
Food Stores.....	50,200	49,600	49,600	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	29,500	29,600	28,300	- 0.3	+ 4.2
Restaurants.....	81,000	80,200	78,500	+ 1.0	+ 3.2
Other Retail Trade.....	75,000	74,300	72,900	+ 0.9	+ 2.9
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	127,800	128,800	124,400	- 0.8	+ 2.7
Banking.....	28,700	29,100	28,400	- 1.4	+ 1.1
Insurance.....	69,900	70,300	68,600	- 0.6	+ 1.9
Real Estate.....	12,700	12,900	11,900	+ 1.6	+ 6.7
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	16,500	16,500	15,500	0.0	+ 6.5
Services.....	354,800	355,700	340,800	- 0.3	+ 4.1
Hotels.....	10,000	11,300	9,600	- 11.5	+ 4.2
Personal Services.....	16,700	16,400	16,100	+ 1.8	+ 3.7
Business Services.....	81,200	80,900	75,500	+ 0.4	+ 7.5
Health Services.....	111,000	110,300	108,000	+ 0.6	+ 2.8
Law & Professional.....	25,800	25,900	24,400	- 0.4	+ 5.7
Educational Services....	33,800	31,300	33,000	+ 8.0	+ 2.4
Other Services.....	76,300	79,600	74,200	- 4.1	+ 2.8
Government.....	183,500	180,000	181,000	+ 1.9	+ 1.4
Federal.....	22,900	23,200	22,400	- 1.3	+ 2.2
State & Local.....	160,600	156,800	158,600	+ 2.4	+ 1.3

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$398.53	$392.22	$394.40	41.6	41.2	42.5	$ 9.58	$ 9.52	$ 9.28
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	410.06	403.24	407.03	41.8	41.4	42.8	9.81	9.74	9.51
Lumber & Furniture.....	317.34	315.17	291.07	42.2	41.8	41.7	7.52	7.54	6.98
Primary Metals.....	432.58	431.40	444.60	43.0	43.4	45.0	10.06	9.94	9.88
Fabricated Metals.....	383.88	374.26	369.79	42.0	41.4	42.8	9.14	9.04	8.64
Machinery.....	442.61	430.96	445.09	42.6	41.8	44.2	10.39	10.31	10.07
Electrical Equipment.....	330.42	337.01	327.98	40.1	40.8	41.1	8.24	8.26	7.98
Transportation Equipment.....	498.96	489.87	494.70	42.0	41.2	42.5	11.88	11.89	11.64
Instruments and Clocks.....	389.05	385.05	400.51	42.8	42.5	44.6	9.09	9.06	8.98
Other Durable Mfg.....	369.08	363.69	360.82	41.1	40.5	42.3	8.98	8.98	8.53
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	364.01	360.05	353.94	40.9	40.5	41.3	8.90	8.89	8.57
Food.....	393.60	386.38	386.76	43.3	42.6	44.1	9.09	9.07	8.77
Textiles.....	302.54	291.40	283.91	40.5	39.7	40.1	7.47	7.34	7.08
Apparel.....	237.73	240.95	219.96	39.1	38.8	37.6	6.08	6.21	5.85
Paper.....	440.32	427.06	443.70	43.0	42.2	45.0	10.24	10.12	9.86
Printing and Publishing.....	350.06	355.64	348.53	37.6	38.2	38.3	9.31	9.31	9.10
Chemicals.....	469.13	456.79	447.29	43.0	42.1	43.3	10.91	10.85	10.33
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	324.58	317.87	310.80	41.4	40.7	42.0	7.84	7.81	7.40
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	306.66	321.87	288.04	38.0	39.3	37.9	8.07	8.19	7.60
CONSTRUCTION.....	601.24	595.73	633.15	39.4	39.4	40.2	15.26	15.12	15.75

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	Sept. 1985		Aug. 1985		Sept. 1984(R)	
	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force	Number	Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	79,000	4.6	88,800	5.1	67,800	4.0
Seasonally Adjusted...		(5.0)		(5.4)		(4.4)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	12,500	5.7	14,000	6.4	10,300	4.6
Bristol.....	1,800	5.1	2,700	7.3	1,500	4.2
Danbury.....	4,500	4.2	4,600	4.3	3,500	3.3
Danielson.....	2,200	6.8	2,400	7.4	1,800	5.7
Hartford.....	17,200	4.1	19,600	4.7	15,300	3.8
Middletown.....	1,900	3.8	2,000	3.9	2,000	4.0
Lower River.....	500	3.2	500	3.3	600	3.6
New Britain.....	3,700	5.1	4,600	6.3	3,300	4.7
New Haven.....	11,700	4.6	13,900	5.4	10,800	4.3
New London/Norwich...	6,300	4.8	6,800	5.1	5,500	4.3
Norwalk.....	2,900	3.4	3,000	3.4	2,900	3.4
Stamford.....	4,400	3.3	4,600	3.4	3,400	2.6
Torrington.....	2,100	4.9	2,500	5.7	2,100	4.9
Waterbury.....	6,500	6.3	6,900	6.6	4,600	4.5
Willimantic.....	1,000	4.0	1,200	5.0	800	3.2
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.....	7,984,000	6.9	8,051,000	6.9	8,051,000	7.1
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.1)		(7.0)		(7.4)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Sept.'85	Aug. '85	Sept.'84
All Items.....	324.5	323.5	314.5
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 3.2

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Sept.'85	Aug.'85	Sept.'84(R)	Percent Change to September'85 from: Aug.'85	Sept.'84
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	191,390	187,490(R)	191,150	+ 2.1	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	64,110	63,010(R)	65,650	+ 1.7	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	127,280	124,480(R)	125,500	+ 2.2	+ 1.4
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,330	24,020	24,440	+ 1.3	- 0.4
Manufacturing	8,940	8,910	9,710	+ 0.3	- 7.9
Nonmanufacturing	15,390	15,110	14,730	+ 1.8	+ 4.5
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	76,580	75,540	75,490	+ 1.4	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	26,640	26,420	26,870	+ 0.8	- 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	49,940	49,120	48,620	+ 1.7	+ 2.7
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,560	21,800	22,280	+ 3.5	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	9,540	9,180	9,780	+ 3.9	- 2.5
Nonmanufacturing	13,020	12,620	12,500	+ 3.2	+ 4.2
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	435,430*	430,910	428,100	+ 1.0	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	93,550*	92,260	93,080	+ 1.5	+ 0.5
Nonmanufacturing	341,880	338,650	335,020	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	40,020	39,300	38,630	+ 1.8	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	10,100	9,920	10,340	+ 1.8	- 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	29,920	29,380	28,290	+ 1.8	+ 5.8
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	12,930	13,100	12,750	- 1.3	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	4,290	4,270	4,370	+ 0.5	- 1.8
Nonmanufacturing	8,640	8,830	8,380	- 2.2	+ 3.1
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	61,550	60,440	61,500	+ 1.8	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	22,810	22,610	23,990	+ 0.9	- 4.9
Nonmanufacturing	38,740	37,830	37,510	+ 2.4	+ 3.3
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	240,430*	237,700*	237,980	+ 1.1	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	48,910*	48,670*	49,310	+ 0.5	- 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	191,520	189,030	188,670	+ 1.3	+ 1.5
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	115,640	114,830	113,040	+ 0.7	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	35,200	34,970	36,240	+ 0.7	- 2.9
Nonmanufacturing	80,440	79,860	76,800	+ 0.7	+ 4.7
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	71,540	72,000	70,730	- 0.6	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	22,560	22,700	22,030	- 0.6	+ 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	48,980	49,300	48,700	- 0.6	+ 0.6
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	120,470	120,060*	118,010	+ 0.3	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	28,980	29,060	30,060	- 0.3	- 3.6
Nonmanufacturing	91,490	91,000*	87,950	+ 0.5	+ 4.0

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Sept.'85	Aug.'85	Sept.'84(R)	Percent Change to Sept.'85 from: Aug.'85	Sept.'84
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	29,550	29,780	29,520	- 0.1	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	7,630	7,730	7,640	- 1.3	- 0.1
Nonmanufacturing	21,920	22,050	21,880	- 0.6	+ 0.2
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	85,630	85,730	86,020	- 0.1	- 0.4
Manufacturing	28,260	28,390	29,960	- 0.4	- 5.7
Nonmanufacturing	57,370	57,340	56,060	+ 0.1	+ 2.3
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	19,210	18,670	19,540	+ 2.9	- 1.7
Manufacturing	1,900	1,910	2,380	- 0.5	- 20.2
Nonmanufacturing	17,310	16,760	17,160	+ 3.3	+ 0.9

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Bridgeport	$409.63	$401.00	$398.11	40.8	39.9	41.0	$10.04	$10.05	$9.71
Bristol	448.33	435.34	439.30	41.9	41.5	42.9	10.70	10.49	10.24
Danbury	406.70	399.08	386.31	44.4	44.0	44.2	9.16	9.07	8.74
Danielson	361.54	351.01	337.02	41.7	40.3	41.0	8.67	8.71	8.22
Hartford	417.58	406.23	423.16	41.8	41.2	42.7	9.99	9.86	9.91
Middletown	427.41	432.07	INA	40.9	40.8	INA	10.45	10.59	INA
Lower River	326.51	325.31	INA	41.7	41.6	INA	7.83	7.82	INA
New Britain	420.31	410.89	420.22	42.2	41.8	43.1	9.96	9.83	9.75
New Haven	372.37	369.46	INA	41.1	40.6	INA	9.06	9.10	INA
New London-Norwich*	438.70	433.61	INA	41.0	40.6	INA	10.70	10.68	INA
Norwalk	397.42	387.07	396.93	42.1	41.8	44.3	9.44	9.26	8.96
Stamford	408.50	413.98	395.59	42.2	42.2	44.2	9.68	9.81	8.95
Torrington	314.88	312.17	300.35	41.0	40.7	41.6	7.68	7.67	7.22
Waterbury	343.60	332.51	344.62	41.8	41.0	43.9	8.22	8.11	7.85
Willimantic	381.60	378.58	341.96	42.4	42.3	41.3	9.00	8.95	8.28

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INA - Information Not Available

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)	Seasonally Adj.
1984							
Jan....	1469.0	1489.9	6311	4506	5.7	5.0	4116.3
Feb....	1474.0	1498.3	3535	4315	5.5	4.9	4148.9
Mar....	1487.7	1503.7	2953	4080	5.1	4.8	4158.2
Apr....	1509.5	1511.4	3362	4047	4.6	4.5	4165.2
May....	1523.5	1516.1	3006	3966	4.5	4.7	4183.7
Jun....	1542.1	1525.1	3710	3798	4.5	4.6	4205.7
Jul....	1530.7	1534.0	5902	4012	4.6	4.5	4243.9
Aug....	1528.6	1545.9	2966	3364	4.3	4.4	4266.7
Sep....	1548.2	1538.0	2445	3573	4.0	4.4	4291.7
Oct....	1555.3	1543.2	2852	3641	4.0	4.4	4344.9
Nov....	1564.2	1548.6	4007	4100	4.2	4.5	4381.8
Dec....	1575.6	1555.2	8138	4786	4.4	4.5	4415.4
1985							
Jan....	1535.7	1557.5	7209	5149	5.6	4.9	4452.5
Feb....	1533.2	1558.1	3943	4814	5.4	4.7	4481.3
Mar....	1543.2	1560.4	3375	4662	4.8	4.6	4484.8
Apr....	1556.6	1558.2	3827	4605	4.7	4.7	4480.4
May....	1563.2	1555.4	3513	4635	4.8	5.1	4490.8
Jun....	1576.2	1559.1	4468	4573	5.2	5.2	4506.2
Jul....	1559.4	1562.5	6658	4526	5.7	5.6	4521.6
Aug....	1561.5	1578.9	4360	4943	5.1	5.4	4564.7
Sep....	1576.4	1565.4	2685	3925	4.6	5.0	4579.8
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	Auto Registration		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual	Seas. Adj. (R)	Actual (R)	Seas. Adj. (R)
1984						
Jan....	8799	10000	42.2	42.1	121.5	117.1
Feb....	12198	17102	42.5	42.5	123.7	119.8
Mar....	11295	10452	42.4	42.3	124.4	119.8
Apr....	10362	12059	42.9	42.9	126.6	122.0
May....	14081	13736	42.4	42.5	126.6	122.2
Jun....	15288	13232	42.4	42.5	126.9	122.9
Jul....	12301	13100	42.3	42.6	106.0	121.7
Aug....	17301	14362	41.8	42.1	107.5	122.3
Sep....	14021	13443	42.5	42.6	127.3	124.1
Oct....	13259	13619	42.5	42.6	127.6	124.5
Nov....	15308	13173	42.8	42.5	129.7	124.7
Dec....	11705	12222	42.8	42.4	117.7	125.0
1985						
Jan....	8869	10078	42.4	42.3	128.6	123.9
Feb....	10792	15136	42.3	42.3	127.8	123.7
Mar....	20947	19377	42.1	42.0	128.8	124.1
Apr....	17866	17430	41.8	41.8	127.7	123.0
May....	16611	16206	41.6	41.7	125.6	121.2
Jun....	13322	11534	41.8	41.9	126.7	122.7
Jul....	14158	15078	41.5	41.8	105.7	121.4
Aug....	15383	12766	41.2	41.5	107.8	122.6
Sep....	17175	16467	41.6	41.7	126.4	123.2
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1970	43,905	$ 130,251	$ 65,641
1971	69,403	229,238	63,191
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,733
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
1984	25,428	154,180	238,511
Jan'84	38,570	$ 18,793	$ 7,372
Feb	35,104	18,279	13,302
Mar	32,625	17,345	636
Apr	27,760	14,132	25,197
May	23,249	12,743	98,801
Jun	21,725	10,175	1,217
Jul	24,122	11,761	20,710
Aug	23,792	11,118	37,928
Sep	18,999	8,854	1,278
Oct	17,547	9,470	11,577
Nov	18,999	9,812	19,889
Dec	22,895	11,696	603
Jan'85	35,726	19,865	7,284
Feb	34,383	19,148	16,465
Mar	31,626	17,506	725
Apr	26,482	15,989	23,796
May	23,399	13,640	108,676
Jun	23,058	11,704	1,253
Jul	28,166	16,390	19,981
Aug	28,186	13,961	39,050
Sep	21,757	11,800e	1,037p
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

Federal Loans (000)

1972	$ 31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)

1976	$ 26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600
1984	30,876
1985	32,930

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)

1975	$ 12,906
1981	46,537
1982	49,496
1983	53,975
1984	57,349
1985	57,765
	(thru 8/31/85)

Total Outstanding Loans -

Non-interest bearing:
$ 105,436,393
(8/31/85)
Interest bearing:
$ 0 (Repaid 9/13/85)

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (9/30/85)
$156 million(e)

*Interest bearing
p-preliminary e-estimated
NOTE: Dollar amounts are in thousands

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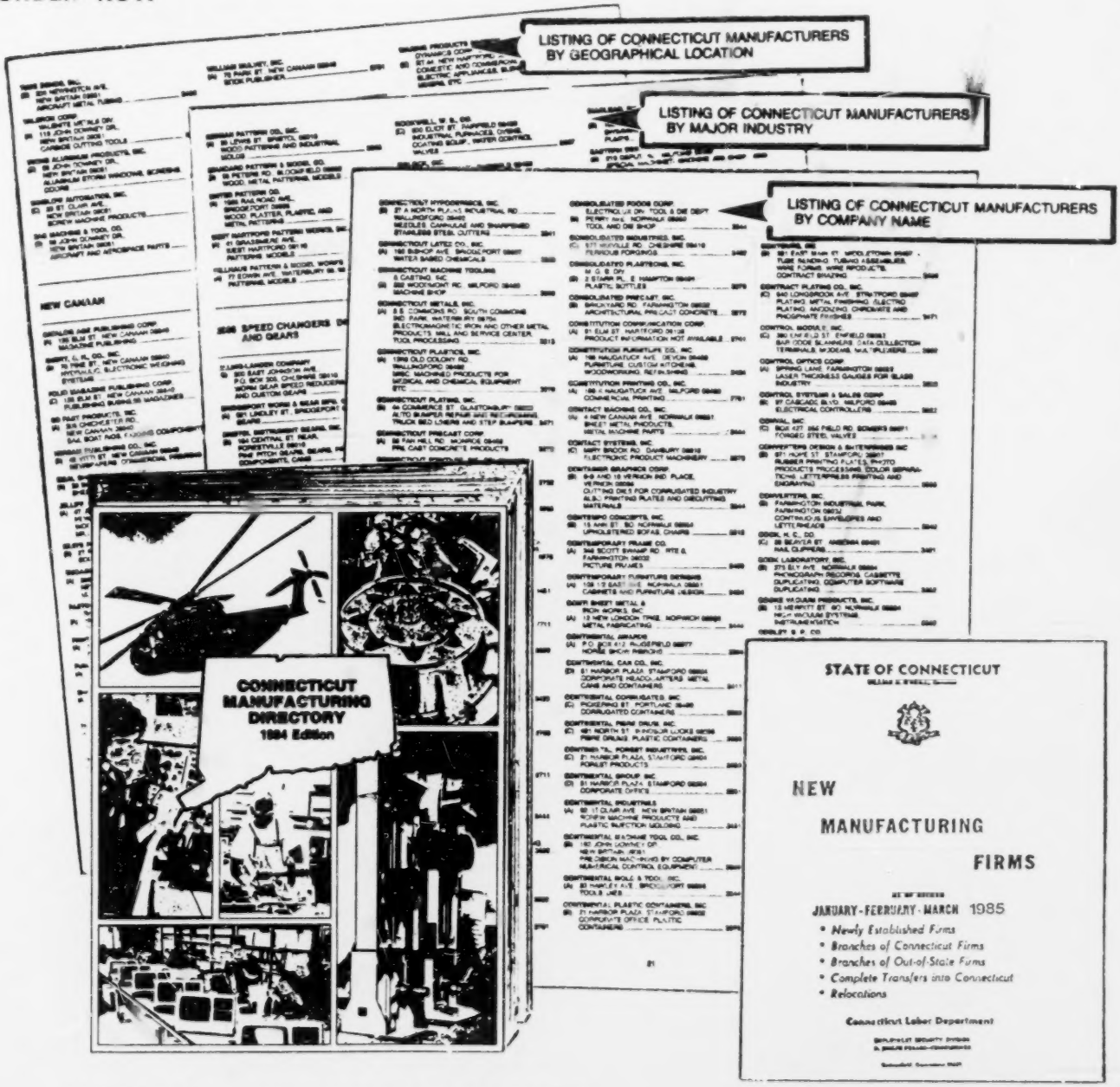

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November 1985

New records were set in Connecticut's economy during October when employment, hourly earnings and personal income increased to all-time highs, unemployment was stable and several other economic indicators improved, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro.

Employment, Wages and Hours: A monthly gain of 7,400 jobs boosted overall employment to a new high of 1,583,800, a total of 28,300 above the October 1984 employment level (Page 2). A labor-management dispute at a major machinery firm was largely responsible for a drop from September in manufacturing jobs. This was offset by a gain in nonmanufacturing employment, with October increases in general merchandise (up 1,100), other retail trade and educational services (each up 1,000) and government (7,300 higher). Compared with 1984, construction payrolls expanded by 4,200; retail trade added 7,600 jobs; business services, 6,100; finance, insurance and real estate, 3,800 and health services, 3,100. Eleven labor market areas had higher employment which dropped in four (pages 5 & 6).

Average earnings of factory production workers set another record at $9.64 per hour (page 3). Weekly wages averaged $401.99 for a slightly longer workweek of 41.7 hours. Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, hourly earnings were $9.24 or $369.60 weekly in October compared with $9.20 and $368 per week the month before and 4.2 percent above last year. The highest average weekly wage of $450.17 was paid to workers in the Norwich/New London area, followed by $442.32 in Bristol; $429.45, Middletown; $420.42, New Britain; $415.67, Stamford and $411.41 in Bridgeport (page 6).

Unemployment: Statewide unemployment remained stable at 79,300 for an actual 4.6 percent October rate. The seasonally adjusted 5 percent rate also was unchanged (page 4). A year ago, with an estimated 67,100 unemployed, the actual rate was 4 percent, seasonally adjusted to 4.4 percent. Included in the estimate are those persons receiving unemployment compensation, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and jobseekers entering or reentering the labor market. Unemployment declined in four labor market areas, was unchanged in six and increased in five areas.

Other Indicators: General improvement was noted in other economic indicators (page 7) with manufacturing output advancing, personal income of state residents once again setting a new high of $4-billion, 607 million, and registrations for new cars increasing.

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